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VIETNAMESE HONORS—Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, Chief of State, Republic of Vietnam (center), is flanked by Capt. John M. Thomas, Commanding Officer, USS Constellation (left), and RAdm. Roger W. Mehle, Commander Task Force 77, as they walk across the carrier's flight deck following Gen. Thieu's presentation of medals from the Vietnamese government to members of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

SecNav Extends Sympathy To Fire-Stricken Forrestal

Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles F. Baird has sent a message of "heartfelt sympathy" to the commanding officer of the USS Forrestal upon hearing of the tragic fire aboard the aircraft carrier July 29 in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Navy officials, in preliminary casualty reports, listed 76 dead and more than 50 missing. The Forrestal has docked at Subic Bay in the Philippines for repairs.

"Your tragic loss evokes the deep sorrow of our nation and the free world," Secretary Baird said, extending sympathy on behalf of the entire Navy.

He noted that first reports of the fire "are threaded with stories of general heroism in the face of great danger as might be expected in light of the enviable reputation of Forrestal."

The message continued, "The magnificent efforts of all hands to prevent even greater loss of life and damage are a tribute to their courage and readiness and should be a source of comfort in the wake of this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families of your shipmates.

"Be assured that the Navy will assist them in every way possible," he concluded.

DOD Will Conduct Survey On Dependent Dental Care

Present military dependents medicare benefits are "so comprehensive," according to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower Thomas D. Morris, "that dependents' dental care would be the only remaining health care area requiring future consideration."

Testifying before a special subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, Secretary Morris said a representative survey will be conducted of military personnel in all services to determine availability and cost of similar dental services for their families.

First priority in improved military compensation, the secretary emphasized, should be given to assuring that the regular income of military families is fully on a par with their civilian co-workers.

"We feel this parity principle should also apply to fringe benefits," Secretary Morris added, "and that special fringe benefits should be provided in those cases where the military family is at a disadvantage in terms of availability and cost of dental services."

Secretary Morris reviewed for the subcommittee two bills proposed in Congress offering a variety of Government-sponsored Dependents' Dental Care programs.

He explained that under certain conditions routine dental care in Uniformed Services facilities is authorized by law on a space available basis.

President Orders Increased Training In Riot Control for National Guard

President Johnson has directed Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to issue immediately new training standards for riot control procedures to National Guard units across the country.

"Through the Continental Army Command, this expanded training will begin immediately. The National Guard must have the ability to respond effectively and quickly and appropriately in conditions of disorder and violence."

The President announced these instructions during a nationally broadcast address July 27, in the wake of rioting in Detroit and other U.S. cities.

He said, "the violence must be stopped quickly, finally and permanently."

Washington Memos

FY67 END STRENGTH for all the Armed Forces totalled 3,374,808, according to preliminary reports. Military strength increased 7,250 between May 31 and June 30. Between FY66 and FY67 uniformed manpower increased by 280,750 for all four services, with the principal increase being 242,695 more men for the Army.

ARMY ASSISTANT SECRETARY for Research and Development R. D. O'Neal toured 2nd Infantry Division in Korea to study feasibility of using Eighth Army resources for testing military equipment. He was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Austin Betts, Chief of Resources and Development; Lt. Gen. Harry Critz, Commander I Corps (Group), and Brig. Gen. John Guthrie, Director of Development.

FIRST STEP IN USAID's new health expansion program took place July 20 when Navy's Deputy Officer in Charge of Construction awarded contracts for first two "impact hospitals" to be built in South Vietnam. Hospitals will be among nine to be constructed in RVN's more remote provinces. Construction was expected to begin immediately with completion scheduled for December at approximate cost of $450,000.

GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER Co. is being awarded $4.1 million contract from Army for pneumatic tires. Work will be done at Gadsden, Ala. Contract will be issued by Tank Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.

NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Bethesda, Md., has, at request of Peace Corps, begun an eight-day Global Medicine Review for 59 Corps physicians. Course is designed to help physicians better fulfill their missions as U.S. Public Health Officers assigned to Peace Corps in various parts of world.

AIR FORCE Brig. Gen. Carroll H. Bolender of NASA's Headquarters Office of Manned Space Flight was named manager for Lunar Module, Apollo Spacecraft Program Office, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Tex. Gen. Bolender replaces Dr. William A. Lee, who resigned.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS and Space Administration has selected Martin-Marietta Corp., Denver, Colo., for a 27-month contract for payload integration of experiments and support equipment in space vehicles for manned Apollo Applications Program. Estimated cost of cost-plus-incentive-award-fee contract will exceed $25 million. Work will include mission analysis and systems engineering associated with Apollo Applications flights in addition to integration of experiments and support equipment.

FOUR NAVAL POSTGRADUATE School officials are among 50 members of Navy board selecting future officer-students for postgraduate school. Board will be in session about six weeks and will consider 13,000 officers for estimated 750 openings in school's student body.

AIR FORCE HAS announced it will purchase eight vehicles in first follow-on production order for its Titan-IIIC Standard Space Launch Vehicle. Four of 17 vehicles ordered as part of original research and development program remain to be flown. These and eight "production models," are expected to support mission requirements through 1969-71 period.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command has awarded Sikorsky Aircraft Division, United Aircraft Corp., Stratford, Conn., a $2.9 million contract for production of 22 detachable compartments for Army's CH-54A Flying Crane helicopter. "Pods" are used for transporting personnel or cargo.

NAVAL DENTAL SCHOOL opened new Maxillofacial Prosthetics Clinic at Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Clinic makes artificial eyes, ears, noses, fingers and limbs from acrylic resin.

CHANGE HAS been incorporated into Seavey Segment C-67 outlined in BuPers Notice 1306. Sailors extending their enlistments to qualify for Seavey may cancel extensions if they have not received orders ashore by one month after the last normal issuing month for a Seavey segment.

STAFF ENGINEERS AT Aerospace Crew Equipment Laboratory, Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., are taking a 34-hour course in anatomy and physiology. Purpose is to familiarize non-medical personnel with the limitations of human body. Course is taught from an aviation point of view, describing how the body is affected by decreased oxygen and pressure and long and short periods of acceleration.

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND observed its fifth anniversary Aug. 1. Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff, congratulated AMC, citing command for "fulfilling" added responsibility of providing high quality materiel for troops in Vietnam "while at the same time streamlining your organization to reduce costs."

A PARACHUTE WITH increased maneuverability will become standard equipment for the Navy's Sea Air Land Underwater Demolition Teams (SEAL/UDT). The parachute is a modification of the ones now in use. Tests by the Naval Aerospace Recovery Facility show it has a quicker turn rate and more forward speed.

WALTER REED GENERAL hospital is planning a Medical-Surgical Nursing course, the first such course offered at the facility. Courses are presently in progress at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, and Fitzsimons General Hospital, Colo.

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Background for Commanders

IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGE FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY — I

Following are excerpts from a recent address by Zbigniew Brzezinski, State Department Policy Planning Council. **Part I—Changes in International Politics** *is presented below.* **Part II—Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy** *will be published in a forthcoming issue.*

As I look at international politics, I see five major changes taking place, together fundamentally altering the nature of international relations in our day.

Waning of Ideological Conflicts

1. *The first involves the waning of ideological conflicts among the more developed nations of the world.* Nuclear weapons have necessitated greater and greater restraint in relations among states. Hitherto one could calculate the cost and the potential advantages of war; today this simply is no longer possible, and thus even the most bitter ideological hatreds have to be restrained by common sense.

Also, we are realizing more fully that social change is such an enoromously complex and interrelated process, with so many variables, that it cannot be reduced to a few simple ideological formulas, as was the case in the early stages of industrialization.

Shift in Focus of Violence

2. *Closely connected with the waning ideological conflicts among the more developed nations of the world is the decline of violence among these states.* During approximately the last 150 years, the international scene has been dominated by conflicts fought principally among the more advanced and largely European nations of the world. The focus of violence today is shifting to . . . conflicts between some of the developed nations and the less developed nations; or increasingly, instability in the underdeveloped world is itself the source of global tensions.

Trend Toward Postnationalism

3. *The third generalization is the proposition that we are witnessing the end of the supremacy of the nation-state on the international scene.* This process is far from consummated, but nonetheless the trend seems to me to be irreversible. It is not only a matter of security interdependence among allied states. It is also a matter of psychological change. People through history have expanded their sense of identification. At first, men identified themselves with their families, then with their villages, then with their towns, then with their regions and provinces, then with their nations. Now, increasingly, people are beginning to identify with their continents and regions. This change has been induced by the necessities of economic development and of the technological revolution.

Global Power of the United States

4. *The fourth major change which has taken place in our times is the emergence of the United States as the preponderant world power.* Our power has become applicable power, with a long-range delivery system, with the means of asserting itself on the basis of a global reach.

Moreover, recent years—and this is much more important—have witnessed continued economic growth in this country; they have seen the expansion and appearance on the world scene of U.S. technological know-how. Increasingly, the U.S. way of life, our styles, our patterns of living, are setting the example.

The Growing Fragmentation of the World

5. *The fifth major change involves the growing fragmentation of the world, not only between the developed states and the underdeveloped — which is, of course, much talked about — but the increasing fragmentation of the developed world.* I have particularly in mind the growing difference between the United States and the rest of the advanced world. The United States is becoming a new society, a society no longer shaped by the impact of the industrial process on social, economic, and political life. That impact still shapes European life; if you look at the changes in the nature of the European political elite, if you look at problems of employment or unemployment, or welfare, if you look at efforts to create greater access to education in Europe—all of these are manifestations of the impact of the industrial process on a formerly rural and traditional society.

The United States is no longer in this kind of historical era. Increasingly, our social dilemmas are of leisure, well-being, automation . . . all connected with a standard of living which has become relatively stable and high, connected with a society which is well-to-do but in many respects has new dilemmas of purpose and meaning. We are becoming, in effect, a post-industrial society, in which computers and communications are shaping more and more our way of life. If the Europeans are today experiencing the automobile revolution—which extends physical mobility—Americans are undergoing an electronic revolution, which extends our senses and nervous systems.

All of this induces new perspectives and new attitudes and sharpens the difference between us and the rest of the developed world. It also creates underlying tension, in addition to the obvious problems of foreign policy, such as the Kennedy Round, the problem of NATO, the problem of East-West relations, and so forth.

Edwards AFB Begins Construction Projects Totalling $3 Million

Construction on two projects with a total cost of more than $3 million has begun at the Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB, Calif.

In a double ground breaking ceremony July 18, Flight Test Center Commander Maj. Gen. Hugh B. Manson opened construction of a C-5A test facility and hangar, and an addition to the base hospital.

Costing $2.3 million, the new hangar will have a floor area of 81,000 square feet, with an additional 41,600 square feet of shop and engineering areas, making it one of the largest buildings at the desert air base.

The two-story addition to the base hospital will add 19,588 square feet of space for increased care facilities and will cost just under $1 million.

Board of Visitors Submits Report on Naval Academy

The Naval Academy Board of Visitors has submitted its 1967 report to the President with six recommendations for action.

Leading the list was a proposal to enact legislation to increase from six to 10 the number of academy candidates that can be recommended by a member of Congress.

Other suggestions by the Board were to:

- Expand the Board's membership from 15 to 25.
- Maintain the present balance of military to civilian support at the Academy.
- Review salaries of assistant professors.
- Develop a three-year program to fully equip and staff the Academy library.
- Give careful consideration to the effectiveness of the Academy's program of computer assisted instruction.

Defense Seeks Added Medical Benefits For Retarded, Handicapped Dependents

SAFETY PLAQUE—Maj. Gen. Clyde Box, (left) 3rd Air Force Commander, and Col. Robert J. Holbury, 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Commander, display the U.S. Air Force Flying Saftey Award, won by the wing for outstanding achievement in accident prevention during 1966. The 66th is based at RAF Upper Heyford, Oxon, England.

The Defense Department has asked Congress to expand medical assistance to mentally retarded or physically handicapped dependent wives and children of military personnel to include institutional care at profit-making facilities.

A DOD official told a House Armed Services Subcommittee July 24 that the Military Medical Benefits Amendments of 1966 already cover all other types of care for retarded and handicapped dependents at public, non-profit and profit-making institutions.

Testifying in support of the bill (H.R. 8009) which would eliminate this prohibition and make it retroactive to Jan. 1, 1967, the DOD official emphasized an "advanced approval concept" to exclude private profit institutions not offering quality care or making unreasonable charges.

Under this control concept, the annual cost added to medical care accorded to dependents could be held to some $50,000, he said.

Army Dedicates Hospital At Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Hospital, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., the 24th Army hospital constructed in the Continental United States since 1950, was dedicated by Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, the Army Surgeon General, July 28.

The hospital, costing approximately $3.9 million, is named for the late Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, The Surgeon General, U.S. Army, 1947-51. The first commanding officer of the hospital is Col. John B. Plum, MC, who has just completed a tour as Inspector General in the Army Surgeon General's office.

Army AVCOM Sets Record FY67 Procurement Total

Army Aviation Materiel Command's procurement actions established an all-time record during fiscal year 1967, exceeding the $1 billion mark for the second consecutive fiscal year.

Spurred by urgent requirements of the war in Vietnam, AVCOM's purchases of "end item" aircraft, repair and replenishment spare parts, maintenance and support equipment, aerial delivery items, engineering and other services totaled nearly $1.4 billion for fiscal 1967.

This was a more than $1 million increase over the previous year's record of $1.22 billion.

Topmost in procurements during FY67 were $206.5 million in contracts awarded to the Bell Helicopter Co., Ft. Worth, Tex., for the production of the UH–1 "Huey" and the newer AH–IG HueyCobra rotary-wing gunship.

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